



MMR NO. 73, JOHN C. SLATER

John C. Slater, 49, of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, is our newest Master Model Railroader. A veteran of two tours of duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, John has worked for the Kansas City Power & Light Company for the past 24 years. He and his wife, Opal, have two daughters and one grandson.

An R-C model airplane enthusiast for 22 years, John became a model railroader in 1973 when his wife gave him a TYCO train set with which to entertain their grandson. John soon joined the NMRA and, his interests fueled by the **BULLETIN** and other model publications, began building his present layout, the Texas & Northwestern. The T&NW is a 30'x24' "U"-shaped layout, approximately two-thirds finished, with over 300' of trackage. Benchwork is open grid and scenery is all hard shell.

John is presently making some trackage changes on the T&NW to increase the operating potential. Future plans call for finishing the rest of the scenery, installing a complete signal system and doing some "train running."

John has been a most active member of the NMRA, presenting clinics at meets around the Mid-Continent Region and winning regional contest awards from both the Mid-Continent and Lone Star Regions. He has also served as a contest judge at local meets, at Regional Conventions and at Rocky Rails '77 in Denver. John is currently both a Director of and the Achievement Program Chairman for the Mid-Continent Region. He earned his MMR award with Achievement Certificates for Motive Power, Cars, Scenery, Structures, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Association Volunteer. John says "Participation in the AP has certainly helped to improve my modeling skills, although the greatest pleasure that has come from this involvement has to be the many friendships that I've made around the country."

Becoming MMR #73 within five years of starting in the hobby is an accomplishment of which John is justifiably proud, and he wants to thank his wife and family for allowing him the time and the room to reach that goal. Now John wants to share with others the pleasures he has received from the hobby by continuing to work with younger and newer modelers, and by encouraging others to participate in the Achievement Program.